MARINE CORPS SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

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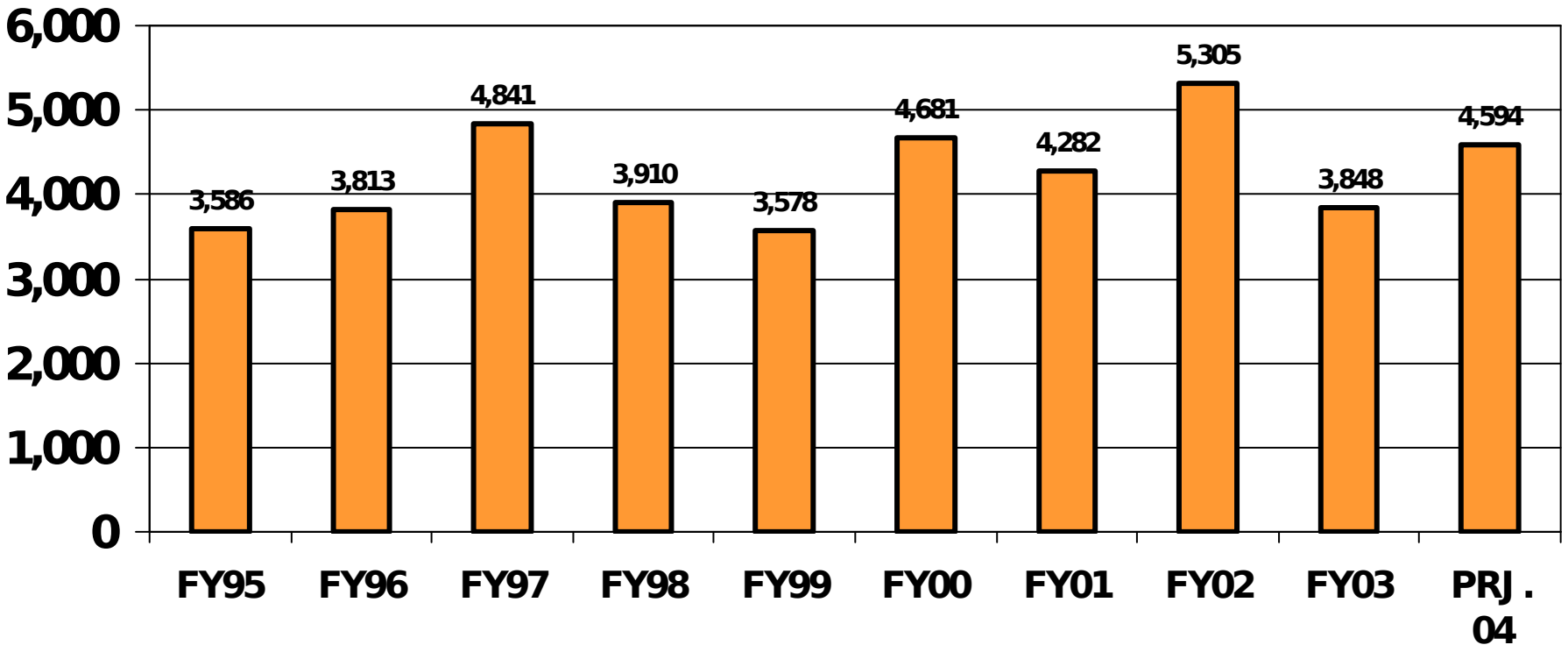
OVERVIEW

- Current Situation
  - Policy and Definition
  - Statistics
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment

Policy and Definitions

- **Mission: To provide Marine Corps plans, policy, and resources to improve and sustain the capabilities of commanders to provide opportunities to prevent problems which detract from unit performance and readiness.**
  - **Prevention (Testing and Education)**
  - **Treatment**
- **Policy Orders:**
  - **Personal Services**
  - **Alcohol Beverage Control**

Statistics: Total Positive Samples

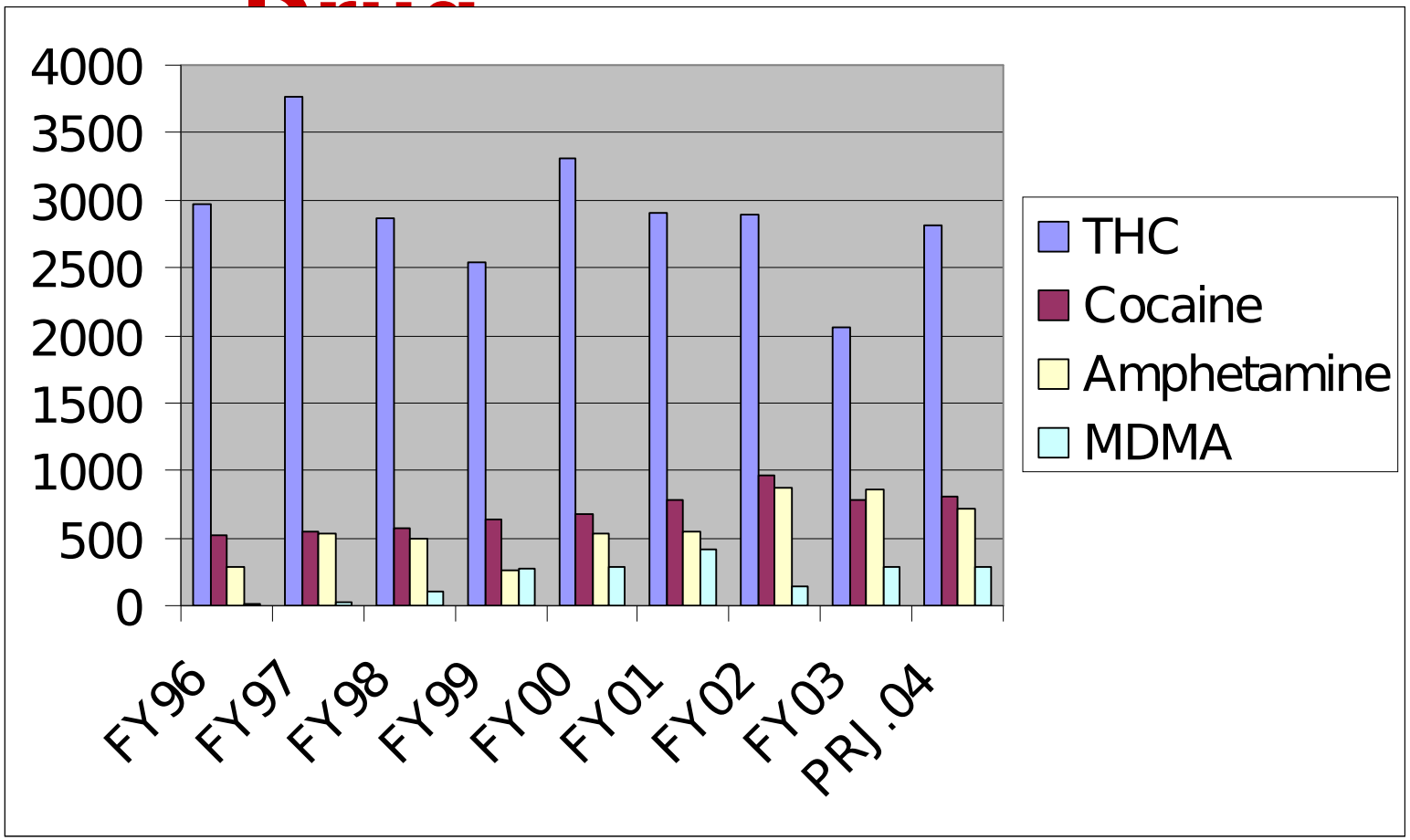


.69% .72% .88% .68% .63% .72% .69% .72% .45% .72%

% of Total Samples Positive

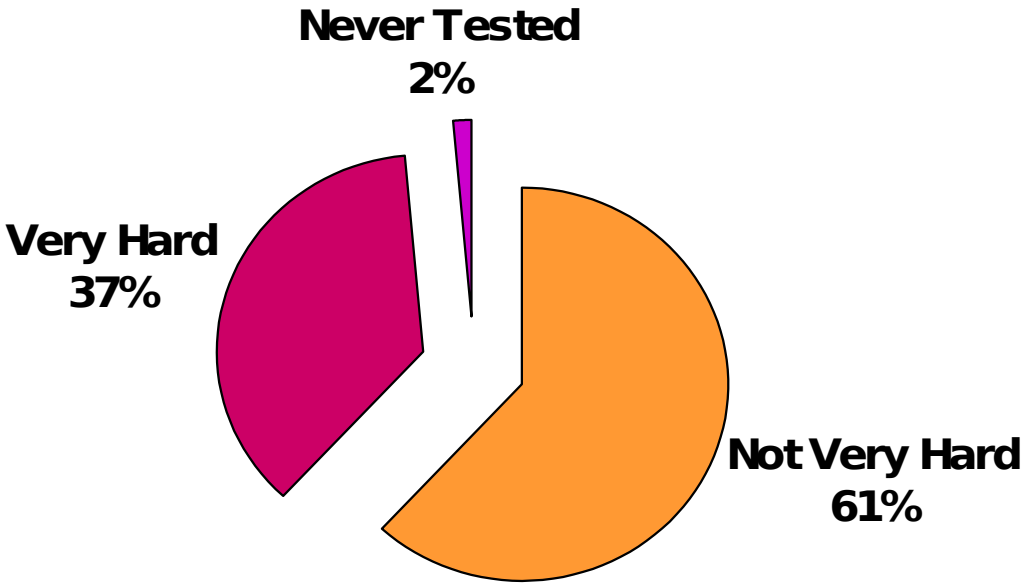
Less than 1%

Statistics: Average Breakdown by Drug

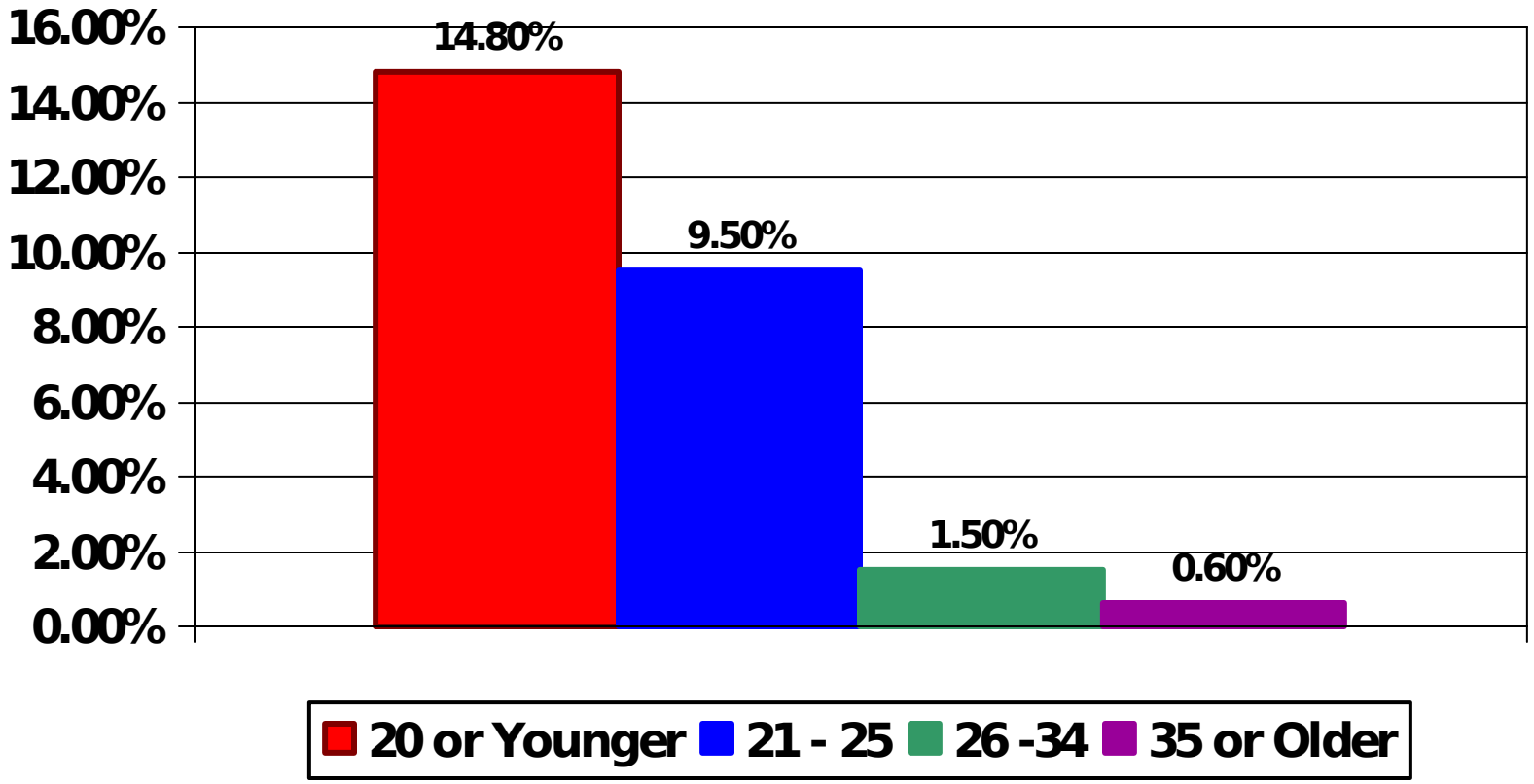


THC totals change year to year, but overall, they are by far greatest number of positives

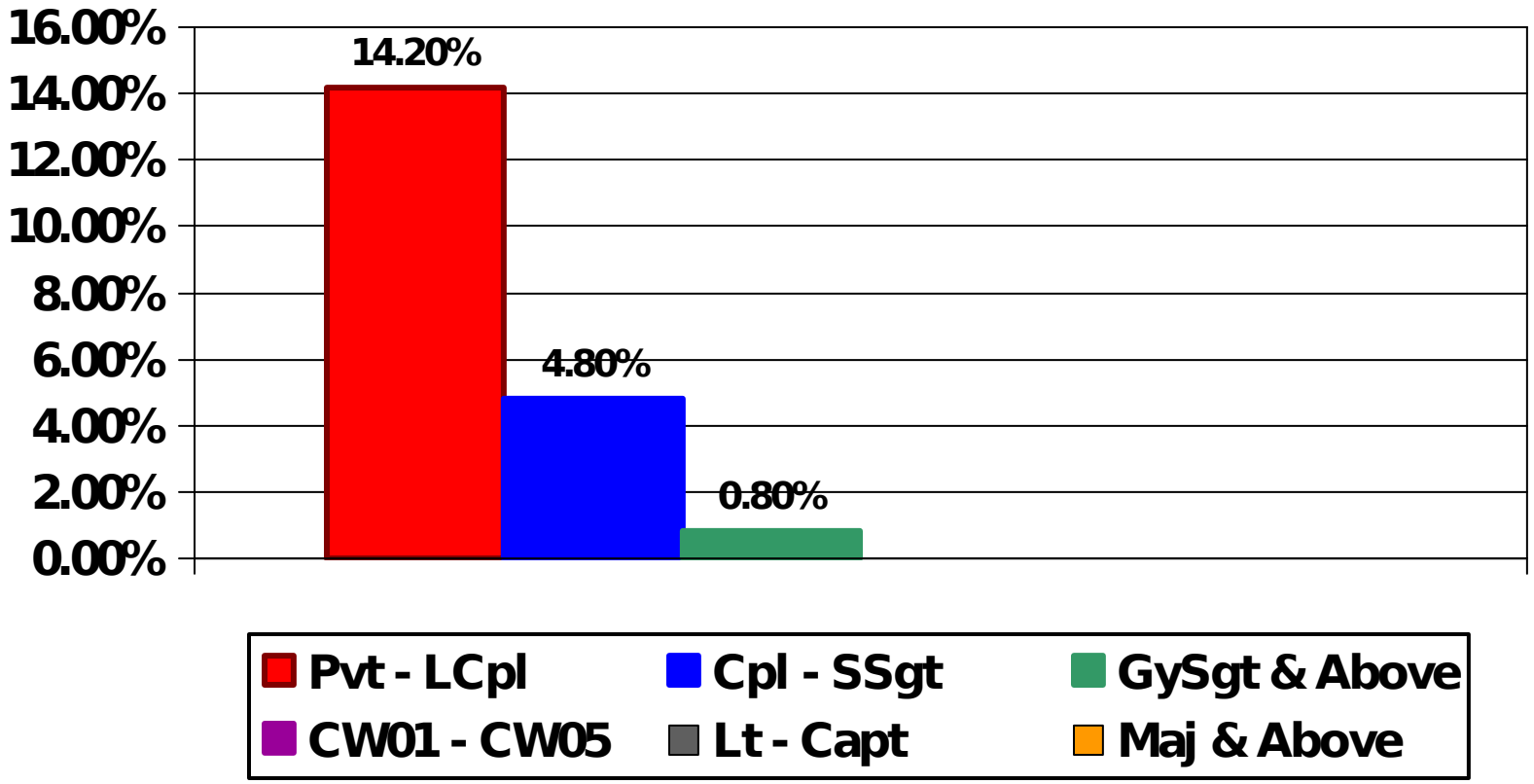
Drug Testing Predictability



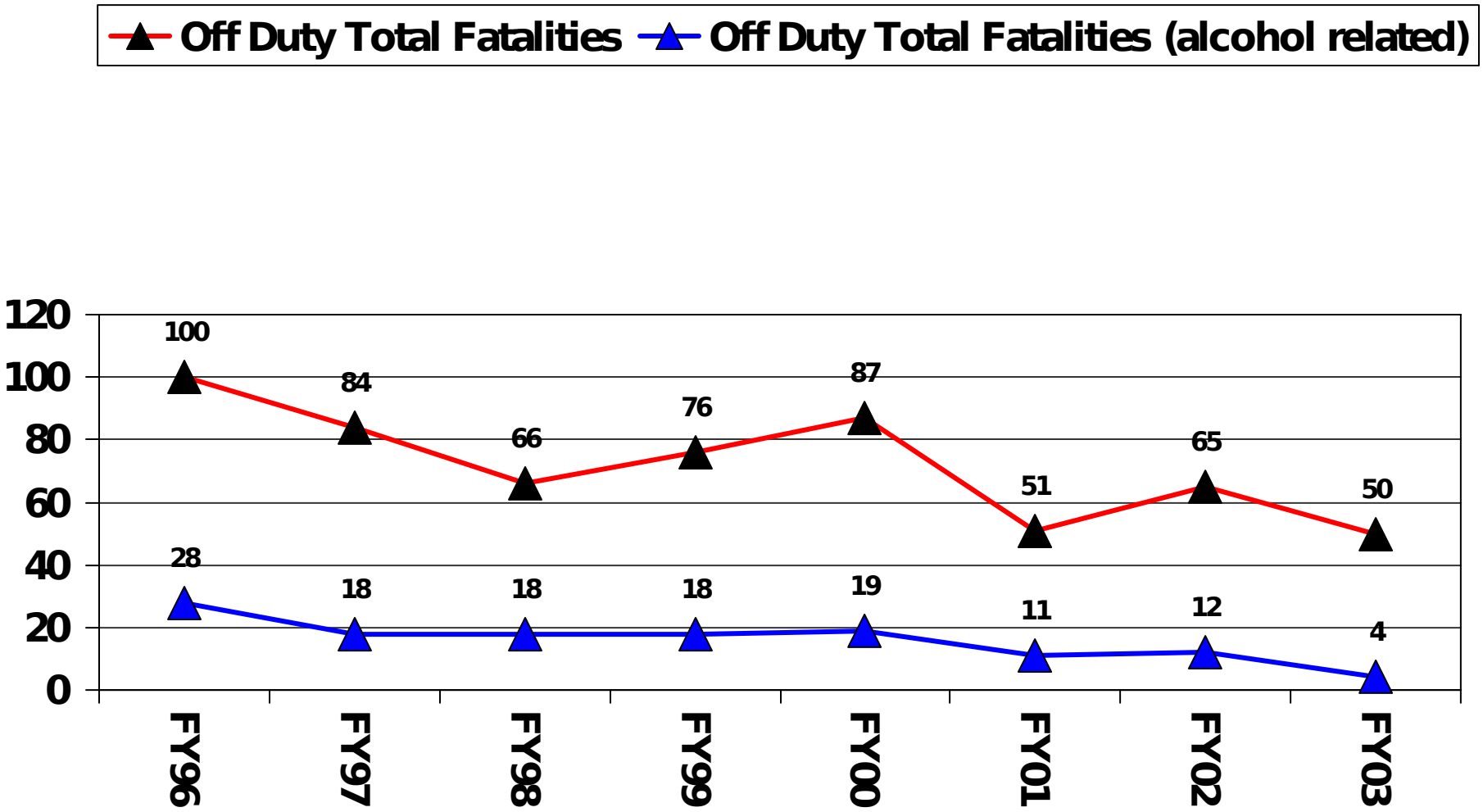
Illicit Drug Use By Age



Illicit Drug Use by Pay Grade



Off-Duty Fatalities



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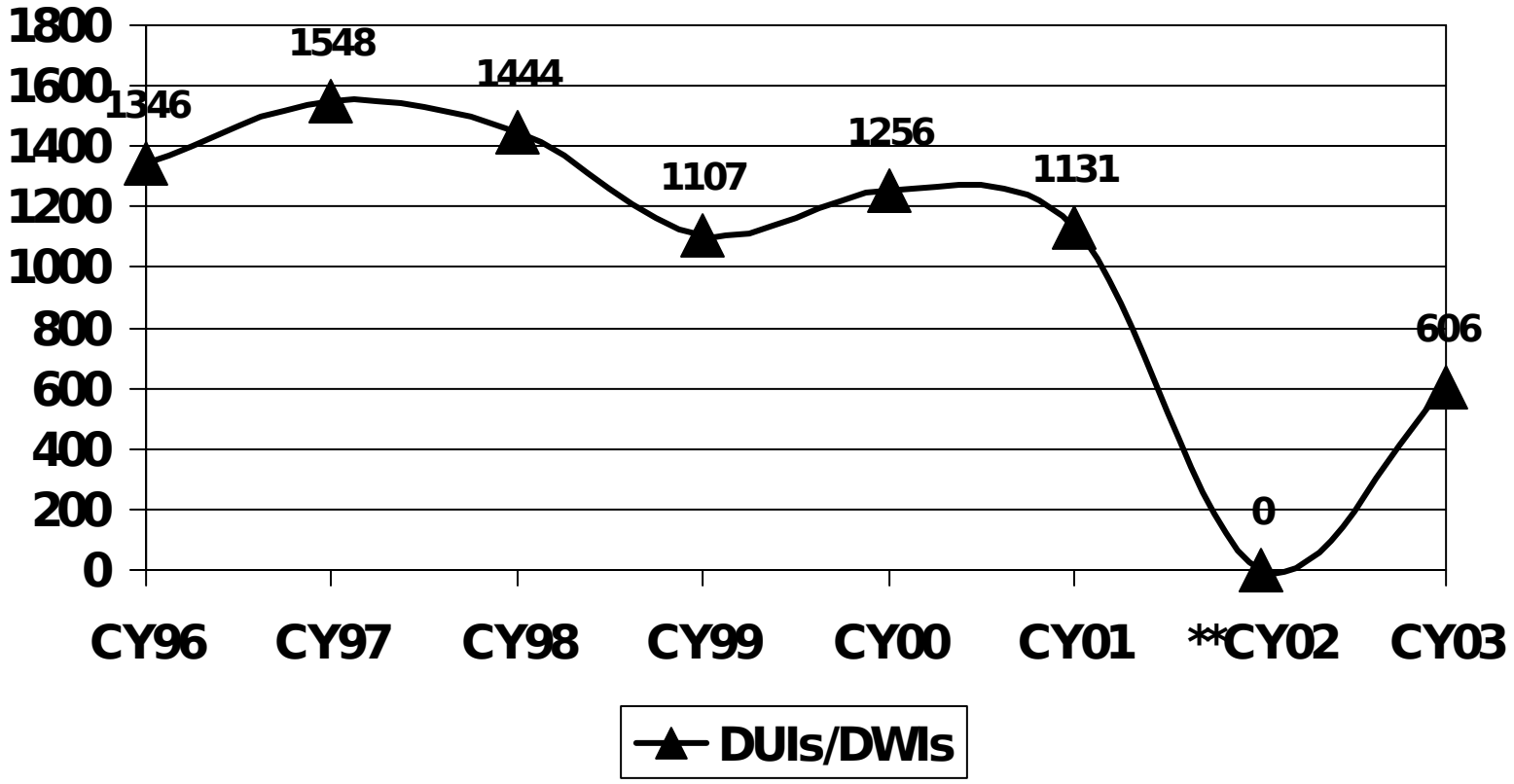
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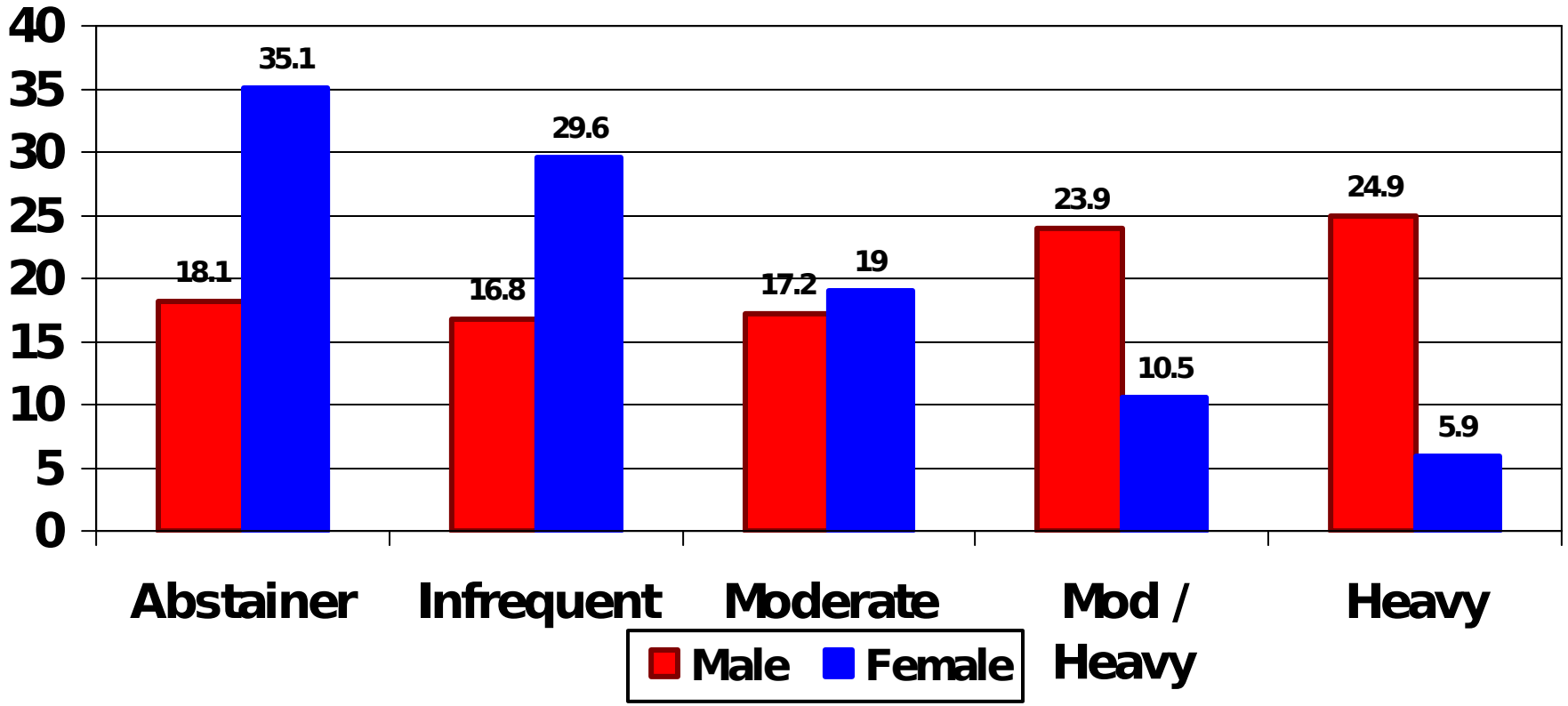
DUIs/DWIs

Trends in Heavy Alcohol Use, 1980 - 2002

	1980	1982	1985	1988	1992	1995	1998	2002
USMC	28.6	30.6	29.4	24.4	26.0	28.6	23.0	27.7
DoD	20.8	24.1	23.0	17.2	15.5	17.4	15.4	18.1

Alcohol Use by Gender



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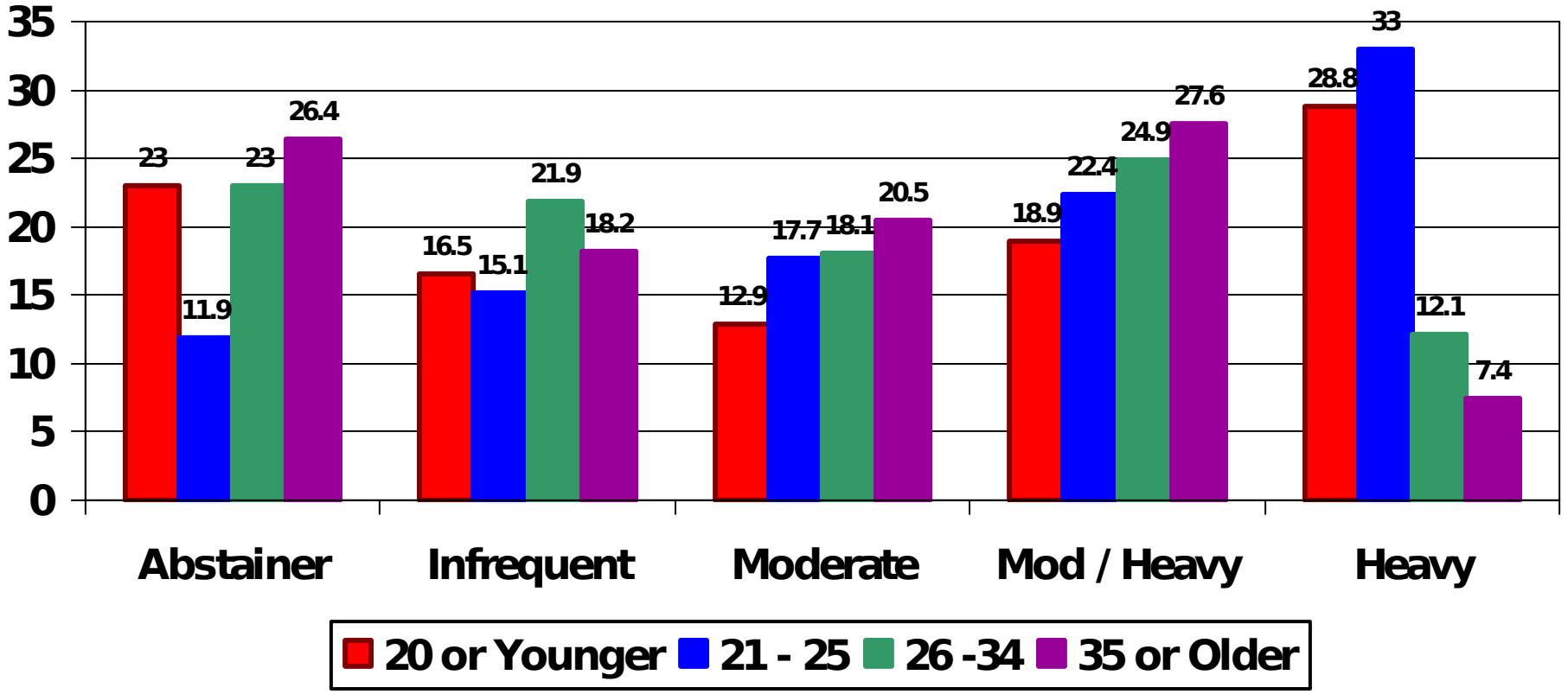

Drug Use Prevention

- Command Education
- Drug Video Game
- Drug Testing
- Drug Demand Reduction Coordinators

Drug Use Prevention Measures

- **Command Education:**
  - **Drug Demand Reduction Coordinators**
  - **Substance Abuse Control Officers**
  - **Substance Abuse Counseling Centers**
  - **Public Service Announcements (MDMA)**
  - **Marine Corps Anti-Drug Videos**
- **Drug Testing Program (DTP):**
- **Drug Video Game:**

Expected Outcome

- **Drug use Prevention Program**
  - **Reduce the number of drug positive urinalysis samples.**
  - **Reduce the number of Marines that self-report drug use on the DOD World Wide survey on health related behaviors.**
  - **Decrease drug testing predictability.**

Alcohol Abuse Prevention

- Statistics
- Command Program
- SACO CD Rom
- BASIC course

Negative Effects of Alcohol Use

- 21.5% have experienced a serious consequence.
- 25.3% report productivity loss.
- 14.4% show signs of alcohol dependence.

(World wide Health survey, responses from Pvt thru LCpl)

Unit Prevention Program

- Units are responsible for providing preventive education and training to all Marines. To establish and maintain an effective prevention program, units must accomplish the following:
- Perform an assessment to determine specific drug and alcohol abuse prevention needs.
- Develop annual drug/alcohol abuse prevention plan.
- Establish measures of effectiveness.

Small Unit Leader Program

The Training Objectives are:

- **Extent and nature of alcohol problems**
- **Leading by example**
- **Alcohol impact on performance**
- **Up and down effects of alcohol**
- **Risk reduction tips**
- **Encouraging alternative activities**
- **Recognizing and referring a problem**

SACO CD-Based Training Program

- **Provides interim training for SACOs on:**
  - **SACO duties**
  - **Prevention measures**
  - **Drug testing**
  - **Policy**

Expected Outcome

- Enhance mission readiness
- Increase SACO proficiency
- Decrease the percent of heavy drinkers

Marine Corps Substance Abuse Treatment Program

- **Mission:**
  - **To counsel or rehabilitate Marines identified as Drug/Alcohol abusers or Drug/Alcohol dependent.**

Treatment Services

- Screening
- Assessment
- Early Intervention
- Outpatient
- Intensive Outpatient
- Residential

Expected Outcome

- Standardize delivery of services
- Decrease downtime from Marines command
- Reduce relapse rates
- Increase prevention efforts